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Obama Administration Announces Additional \$208,759,900 for Local Energy Efficiency Improvements in Texas

Block Grants to Support Jobs, Cut Energy Bills, and Increase Energy Independence

WASHINGTON – Vice President Joe Biden and Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced plans to invest \$3.2 billion in energy efficiency and conservation projects in U.S. cities, counties, states, territories, and Native American tribes. This includes \$208,759,900 for state, county and city efforts in Texas. A detailed breakdown is below.

Today's announcement builds on an investment of \$545,757,732 in Texas weatherization and energy funding announced by the Administration on March 12th and detailed at energy.gov/recovery.

"These investments will save taxpayer dollars and create jobs in communities around the country," said Vice President Biden. "Local leaders will have the flexibility in how they put these resources to work – but we will hold them accountable for making the investments quickly and wisely to spur the local economy and cut energy use."

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency.

The funding will support energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial buildings, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. Other activities eligible for use of grant funds include transportation programs that conserve energy, projects to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, renewable energy installations on government buildings, energy efficient traffic signals and street lights, deployment of Combined Heat and Power and district heating and cooling systems, and others.

To ensure accountability, the Department of Energy will provide guidance to and require grant recipients to report on the number of jobs created or retained, energy saved, renewable energy capacity installed, greenhouse gas emissions reduced, and funds leveraged. Funding is based on a formula that accounts for population and energy use.

"The Block Grants are a major investment in energy solutions that will strengthen America's economy and create jobs at the local level," said Secretary Chu. "The funding will be used for the cheapest, cleanest and most reliable energy technologies we have – energy efficiency and conservation – which can be deployed immediately. The grants also empower local communities to make strategic investments to meet the nation's long term clean energy and climate goals."

Funding for state, city, and county governments in the state includes:

TX	Texas Total Sum City, County, and SEO Allocations	All	\$208,759,900
TX	Texas	State Energy Office	\$45,638,100
TX	Abilene	City	\$1,131,600
TX	Allen	City	\$693,000
TX	Amarillo	City	\$1,781,600
TX	Arlington	City	\$3,428,100
TX	Austin	City	\$7,492,700
TX	Baytown	City	\$672,300
TX	Beaumont	City	\$1,104,200
TX	Bedford	City	\$201,200
TX	Brownsville	City	\$1,659,200
TX	Bryan	City	\$695,100
TX	Carrollton	City	\$1,189,100
TX	Cedar Hill	City	\$176,600
TX	Cedar Park	City	\$519,700
TX	College Station	City	\$791,100
TX	Conroe	City	\$538,300
TX	Coppell	City	\$171,200
TX	Corpus Christi	City	\$2,757,500
TX	Dallas	City	\$12,787,300
TX	Del Rio	City	\$156,300
TX	Denton	City	\$1,117,000
TX	DeSoto	City	\$187,700
TX	Duncanville	City	\$148,600
TX	Edinburg	City	\$683,100
TX	El Paso	City	\$5,802,700
TX	Euless	City	\$454,200
TX	Flower Mound	City	\$607,700
TX	Fort Worth	City	\$6,738,300
TX	Frisco	City	\$825,800

TX	Galveston	City	\$580,100
TX	Garland	City	\$1,978,800
TX	Georgetown	City	\$201,900
TX	Grand Prairie	City	\$1,474,400
TX	Grapevine	City	\$503,500
TX	Haltom City	City	\$165,700
TX	Harlingen	City	\$645,100
TX	Houston	City	\$ 22,765,100
TX	Huntsville	City	\$166,500
TX	Hurst	City	\$165,500
TX	Irving	City	\$2,058,600
TX	Keller	City	\$155,000
TX	Killeen	City	\$1,027,000
TX	Lancaster	City	\$143,300
TX	Laredo	City	\$2,083,600
TX	League City	City	\$598,200
TX	Lewisville	City	\$913,000
TX	Longview	City	\$781,900
TX	Lubbock	City	\$2,109,900
TX	Mansfield	City	\$179,700
TX	McAllen	City	\$1,292,500
TX	McKinney	City	\$1,071,500
TX	Mesquite	City	\$1,200,900
TX	Midland	City	\$997,700
TX	Mission	City	\$629,500
TX	Missouri City	City	\$634,900
TX	New Braunfels	City	\$498,200
TX	North Richland Hills	City	\$584,900
TX	Odessa	City	\$915,100
TX	Pasadena	City	\$1,358,600
TX	Pearland	City	\$685,900
TX	Pharr	City	\$608,900
TX	Plano	City	\$2,545,400
TX	Port Arthur	City	\$541,300
TX	Richardson	City	\$1,036,200
TX	Round Rock	City	\$955,400
TX	Rowlett	City	\$481,900
TX	San Angelo	City	\$865,000
TX	San Antonio	City	\$12,897,000
TX	San Marcos	City	\$498,100
TX	Sherman	City	\$170,000
TX	Sugar Land	City	\$781,400
TX	Temple	City	\$593,200
TX	Texarkana	City	\$174,300
TX	Texas City	City	\$191,600
TX	The Colony	City	\$156,200
TX	Tyler	City	\$1,005,700
TX	Victoria	City	\$605,700

TX	Waco	City	\$1,246,300
TX	Wichita Falls	City	\$996,100
TX	Bexar	County	\$2,434,500
TX	Brazoria	County	\$2,048,800
TX	Denton	County	\$612,000
TX	Fort Bend	County	\$2,807,600
TX	Harris	County	\$13,773,400
TX	Hidalgo	County	\$3,539,500
TX	Montgomery	County	\$3,259,800
TX	Tarrant	County	\$2,399,300
TX	Travis	County	\$2,207,900
TX	Williamson	County	\$611,600

In addition, today's announcement includes funding for the following Tribal governments in the state:

	Name	Allocation
TX	Alabama-Coushatta Tribes of Texas	\$27,700
TX	Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas	\$33,100
TX	Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo of Texas	\$110,700

(NOTE: If a Tribal government spans more than one state, the number above reflects the allocation for the Tribal government as a whole.)

More information on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program is available on http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm.